(c) The question was investigated in all its detail by the Public Works Department and a practical scheme has been proposed. The proposal is under consideration.

(d) The proposal aims at the provision of increased drainage facilities.

(e) 900 acres.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Have any of the proposals been placed before the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The last time they were placed before the Government in 1108.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Why is it that the matter is pending for so long, 5 years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It is a scheme of very large magnitude. Our reports are before the Government and they are being considered.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to expedite the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Certain inspection has to be made.

Mr. President.—After inspection, the matter will be expedited.

Sitting accommodation—Debt Conciliation Board.

57. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that the Debt Conciliation Board is put to a lot of inconvenience in that the members of the Board are not provided with even sitting accommodation, at the time of Board meetings;

(b) is it not a fact that at Cranganur while the Board is sitting, a small table 3 feet by 2 feet is placed before the Members of the Board, for their use, for the use of the Bench clerk and for placing the files;

(c) is there sitting accommodation for the public attending these Board meetings?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(a) It is not a fact that members of the Board are not provided with sitting accommodation at the time of the meeting.

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(b) Yes.

(c) There is no sitting accommodation for the public at Irinjalakkuda and Cranganur.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*.—Will a small table of 2' x 3' be sufficient for seating three members and one bench-clerk? Have they not to write something?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—There is no indication that they have felt any difficulty.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—About the seating accommodation for the public, will the Government see that more facilities are given at Irinjalakuda and Cranganur, at least in future?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—It will be considered.

Recruitments in the Excise Department—Applicants from Chittur Taluk.

58. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many were recruited in the Excise Department as peons and aminadars since 10th Chingam 1111;

(2) how many applicants were there from Chittur;

(3) how many of them were taken in; if any, who are they; if none, why Chittur was neglected;

(4) of the applicants were there any from the backward community;

(5) why were their claims overlooked ;

Mr. P. J. George *(Offg. Excise Commissioner)*.—(1) Petty Officers 8.

Peons 58.

(2)	For peon's post	6
	For other appointments	4
	Total	10

(3) One, namely, E. Kochukrishna Menon, son of a deceased aminadar.

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